

## OXYCHONA MIMARUM Ancey.

*Oxychona bifasciata* var. *mimarum* Anc., Le Nat., 1901, p. 93. Pilsbry, Man. Conch. XIV, p. 154. This unfigured form from Minas Geraes is probably specifically distinct. Not seen by the writer.

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## A LIST OF MOLLUSKS COLLECTED AT CASTLE ISLAND, BOSTON.

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Castle Island, Boston Harbor, is an interesting collecting ground owing to the number of mollusks that flourish there under the adverse conditions necessarily present in a great seaport. The main channel to the inner harbor passes the island, and every ebb-tide strands much of the water-front debris on its shores. Although the island would seem an unfavorable habitat for even hardy mollusks, it is one of the best collecting places for nudibranchs in the vicinity of Boston. In the early spring considerable numbers come there to breed, particularly *Acanthodoris pilosa* and *Lamellidoris bilamellata*, and I have found scattered specimens of these and other species from October to June.

The shore of the island on the east and south is sand and gravel with scattered boulders, and is sand and mud, with patches of eel-grass, elsewhere. Between Castle Island and City Point are extensive mussel flats; and clay, dredged from the neighboring channel and dumped beside the bridge, contains numerous valves of oysters and quahaugs similar to those found in the excavations for the Boylston Street Subway. *Litorina littorea* is very plentiful on the rocks and is gathered by the Italians for food. The imbricated form of *Thais lapillus* is fairly abundant.

Below is a list of the mollusks I have collected on the island, and which seems to be fairly representative of the whole of Boston harbor. Species marked with an asterisk have not been obtained living.

<i>Ostrea virginica</i> .*	<i>Crepidula plana</i> .
<i>Pecten magellanicus</i> .*	<i>Cingula aculeus</i> .
<i>Anomia aculeata</i> .	<i>Litorina littorea</i> .
<i>Anomia simplex</i> .	<i>Litorina obtusata palliata</i> .
<i>Mytilus edulis</i> .	<i>Litorina rudis</i> .
<i>Modiolus modiolus</i> .	<i>Lacuna vincta</i> .
<i>Modiolus demissus plicatulus</i> .*	<i>Urosalpinx cinereus</i> .*
<i>Clidiophora gouldiana</i> .	<i>Thais lapillus</i> .
<i>Venus mercenaria</i> .*	<i>Alectrion obsoleta</i> .
<i>Ensis directus</i> .	<i>Alectrion trivittata</i> .
<i>Mesodesma arctatum</i> .	<i>Colus stimpsonii</i> .
<i>Mya arenaria</i> .	<i>Aeolidia papillosa</i> .
<i>Saxicava arctica</i> .	<i>Coryphella rufibranchialis man-</i>
<i>Acmaea testudinalis</i> .	<i>anensis</i> .
<i>Polinices heros</i> .	<i>Palio lessonii</i> .
<i>Polinices triseriata</i> .*	<i>Acanthodoris pilosa</i> .
<i>Crepidula fornicata</i> .	<i>Lamellidoris bilamellata</i> .
<i>Crepidula glauca</i> .	<i>Lamellidoris muricata</i> .

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MARTYN'S UNIVERSAL CONCHOLOGIST.

A copy of this rare work has recently been obtained by the Boston Society of Natural History. Bernard Quaritch, in describing this copy in his catalogue, says—"4 vols. atlas 4to, with colored frontispiece, 2 engraved plates of medals and 160 plates containing 322 colored figures. Contemporary tree-calf, neatly rebacked. With the [John] Townly book plate.

"The copy agrees with that in the British Museum (Natural History) and is quite complete. The complete work in four volumes is very rare although the first two are comparatively common. Even Sir Joseph Banks was unsuccessful when endeavoring to obtain the entire work. Evidently Martyn only completed copies by order. Other than the copy offered, only one example has occurred for sale by auction in London since 1895 and I have been able to trace the sale of only eight copies for upwards of 50 years prior to that date. The Roscoe copy sold for £32 2 s. 6d. and the Fonhill example for £52.10 s." The Society's copy cost £21.